

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 11, 2005

RAIN DELAYS WHEAT AND SOYBEANS

Heavy rains that came late Thursday into Friday gave the ground a good soaking. This was critical for **corn** as 19 percent of the crop is now beginning to tassel. **Corn** growth is uneven in many fields due to earlier dry conditions, but with recent rains growth has begun to accelerate. However the precipitation further delayed **wheat** harvest and the subsequent double crop **soybean** planting. **Hay** harvest, despite the rain, is still ahead of schedule in comparison to last year's progress. There were **4.3 days suitable for field work**.

Fruits are in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 2 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 80 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Peaches** were rated 5 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 9 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 6 percent very short, 9 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	94	87	97	96
Cantaloups	5	2	13	10
Cucumbers	23	10	24	30
Lima Beans (processed)	14	3	18	9
Potatoes	14	10	13	21
Snap Beans	26	8	34	28
Sweet Corn	9	5	19	16
Tomatoes	4	3	17	9
Wheat	60	40	94	77
Crop Progress:				
Corn Silked	19	5	64	35
Soybeans Emerged	88	83	100	97
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting	80	69	66	67
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	60	49	57	43

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	3	18	60	19
Topsoil (2004)	10	30	58	3
Five Year Average	9	21	61	8
Subsoil Moisture	3	24	67	6
Subsoil (2004)	5	28	64	3
Five Year Average	9	21	64	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	2.69	23.44	2.22	86	62	75	-3
Easton	1.42	26.34	3.20	88	65	76	-3
Frederick	4.58	22.42	1.29	87	63	75	3
Frostburg	2.27	23.09	-2.18	82	55	68	2
Hagerstown	1.55	15.21	-5.22	87	62	75	0
Mechanicsville	1.96	24.28	0.50	85	62	74	-3
Patuxent River	3.19	22.89	1.43	86	66	77	3
Ocean City	5.07	29.41	6.36	86	62	74	-2
Salisbury	5.61	31.28	8.27	86	60	73	-4
Sharpsburg	3.03	19.00	-2.13	88	58	74	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.71	24.11	4.57	91	67	78	-2
Delaware							
Dover	2.40	27.61	4.86	86	63	73	-4
Georgetown	2.60	24.69	2.33	86	60	74	-3
Wilmington	2.68	22.14	0.63	85	60	73	-4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.